

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 18-25 are pending in the application. Claims 26-33 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-17 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

At page 2 of the Action, dated November 17, 2005, an election of species requirement is set forth. **Applicant hereby elects Species I, claims 18-25.** As noted above, claims 26-33 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

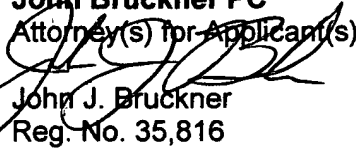
Applicant is investigating inventorship to determine whether such should be amended in light of the cancelled claims. A timely Petition to change inventorship will be made if it is determined necessary.

Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or combination thereof in the Office Action. In view of the above, all the claims are considered patentable and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned (at direct line 512-394-0118) for prompt action in the event any issues remain that prevent the allowance of any pending claims.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) pertaining to patent application processing fees, Applicant requests an extension of time from December 17, 2005 to January 17, 2006 in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005. A notification of extension of time is filed herewith.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3204 of John Bruckner PC.

Respectfully submitted,

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